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## Not so Sterling

NBA Commissioner Adam Silver banned Los Angeles Clippers owner Donald Sterling for life Tuesday for making racist comments in a recorded conversation

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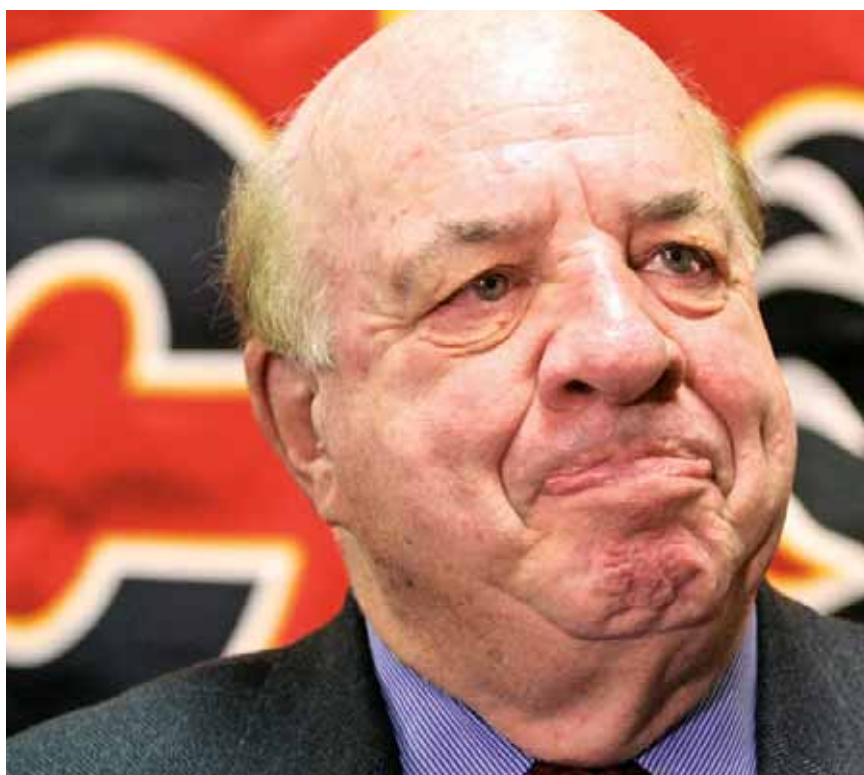
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## YEAH, BABY!

The longtime Hall-of-Fame radio voice of the Calgary Flames announced Tuesday he's called his last game. Peter Maher left an indelible mark on the entire city, not just hockey fans. Story, page 6.

BRYAN WEISMILLER/METRO

# Calgary Comic Expo living long and prospering

**Record attendance.**  
Event verges on being Canada's biggest



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Attendance records were shattered, self-proclaimed geeks were satisfied and those behind the Calgary Comic and Entertainment Expo are pleading to take the event to infinity and beyond in the coming years.

The ninth edition of the annual weekend gathering drew about 97,000 sci-fans, sporting everything from adamantium claws to ninja-turtle shells.

The turnout was 60 per cent higher than the year prior and fell just a few thousand short of Canada's largest comic expo in Toronto, which drew about



An expo fan in a Vegeta costume from the cartoon series Dragonball Z during the opening-day parade Friday. BRYAN WEISMILLER/METRO

100,000 fans in November.

"We're getting close for sure," said the expo's designated spokesperson, Emily Expo. "I have a lot of fans that write (to) me or come up to me at the show and so many of

them say, 'This is the one time of year I feel I can be myself ... this is the one time of year I can express my interests without being made fun of or teased.' I find that incredibly profound and, in some ways, sad. People should be able to be themselves year-round."

With everything from a reunion of cast members from the Aliens flicks to appearances from stars of The Walking Dead, Breaking Bad, Sons of Anarchy, the Lord of the Rings and more, the expo lineup appeared to delve into many areas of pop-culture lore.

There's always something you can get excited about," said Kelsey Ledbury, who's made an annual habit of pulling on a costume and sharing in the fun. "There's stuff that harkens back to your childhood that just makes you get unapologetically enthusiastic."

# Measles outbreak declared, immunization clinics open

Alberta health officials declared an official measles outbreak in the most populated areas of the province Tuesday and will offer a free immunization clinic in Calgary on Wednesday.

The declaration comes after several weeks of newly confirmed cases in the affected health zones, including nine in

Calgary, six in Edmonton, and seven in central Alberta.

The outbreak declaration means Alberta Health Services will now be offering an "early additional dose" of the measles vaccine to babies between six and 12 months, aimed at providing "short-term added protection" to this vulnerable

population.

These infants will still be required to receive the two ordinarily administered doses — one at the age of 12 months and the other between ages four and six — to be fully protected, AHS said in a statement.

AHS is also advising all adults born after 1970 to ensure

they have received two lifetime doses of measles vaccine.

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### At a glance

Drop-in vaccination clinics run on Wednesday from 1 to 8 p.m. at two locations:

- South Calgary Health Centre Immunization Clinic: 3rd

floor, 31 Sunpark Plaza SE.

- Northgate Immunization Clinic: #A154, 495-36 Street NE.



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# Reservoir, dry dam would protect Calgary, officials say

## Elbow River.

Underground diversion still being considered but may not be necessary if other projects go ahead



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The province announced new plans Tuesday for a dry dam on the Elbow River upstream from Calgary, as well as a massive reservoir in Springbank to protect the city from future flooding, in addition to further details on several other mitigation projects.

The \$190-million dam, which would hold back as much as 49 million cubic metres of water — nearly three times the capacity of the Glenmore Reservoir — is proposed for a site at the river's confluence with McLean Creek.

In addition, the province is also planning an off-stream storage reservoir in Springbank that could hold up to 59

million cubic metres of water from the Elbow River.

That project is also expected to cost \$190 million and offer 1-in-100-year flood protection. It could also be used to store water in the event of drought.

The two projects, together, would have prevented major damage in Calgary during the 2013 flood, officials said.

Environment Minister Robin Campbell said "it's our intention to move forward as quickly as we can" but added it will likely be years before either project is complete.

No exact timeline is available, he said, because the province still needs to undertake environmental assessments and consult with people who live or own land near the project sites.

Alberta has committed \$600 million over the next three years for the highest-priority mitigation projects. Of that, \$325 million is earmarked for the "Resilience and Mitigation Program" (RAMP), which supports municipalities with community-level projects like berms,

dikes, and riverbank erosion control.

Few additional details were announced Tuesday about the other major mitigation project proposed for Calgary — a planned underground diversion that would funnel water from the Glenmore Reservoir to the Bow River. Campbell said more information would be forthcoming in June.

Wolf Keller, chair of Calgary's expert panel on flood mitigation, said the city is still interested in that project but it may or may not be necessary, depending on what happens with the dry-dam and reservoir projects further upstream.

"We need to look at it carefully and make the best expenditure of money that provides the biggest benefit," he said.

Keller said the cost of the underground diversion is in the same ballpark as the upstream projects so it's worth considering all three, even if just two will effectively provide 1-in-200-year flood protection to the city.



Artist's rendering of the newly proposed dry dam. COURTESY GOVERNMENT OF ALBERTA

## On expediting the process

**"You can't shortcut. The process is there and has to be followed. Stakeholders have the ability to bring their concerns forward, and as a province and a government we have the responsibility to listen."**

Environment Minister Robin Campbell

## Dam will require 'significant engineering'



**Robin Campbell** METRO

Alberta's latest plan for a dry dam on the Elbow River places the structure further downstream and closer to Bragg Creek than a previously proposed site that has since been abandoned.

Last November, then-premier Alison Redford announced plans to build the dam just east of Cobble Flats, in a location that was criticized by scientists and environmentalists for its impact on at-risk trout species and the local landscape in Kananaskis Country.

That site has since been deemed unfeasible and dangerous due to "geotechnical instability," officials said at a technical briefing Tuesday.

The new site is "probably a better location," according to Tony Daffern, a civil engineer

and outdoorsman who was among the critics of the previous site. Still, Daffern said any dam of this size would require "significant engineering" to ensure it doesn't get clogged by debris, damaged by waves in high wind, or fail completely when holding back water at near-maximum capacity.

"These things, when they fail, they tend to be somewhat

catastrophic," he said. "What you're going to get, basically, is a wall of water heading down the Elbow River to Bragg Creek."

Environment Minister Robin Campbell said engineering plans will be refined as environmental-impact assessments are carried out and he's confident the dam, if built, will serve its purpose. **ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO**



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# Vandals paint swastikas, hate words on synagogue

**Investigation.** Police working to determine whether racist vandal incidents are linked



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Synagogue chaplain Daniel Shimonov struggles to understand why anyone would spraypaint a swastika on his place of worship.

"It was very, very disgusting to me and upsetting to me," said Shimonov of the discovery April 20 at the Chabad Lubavitch of Alberta facility. "Something like this should not be seen around here. It's very unfortunate that such a mentality still exists in Calgary."

The facility in the 500 block of Woodpark Boulevard SW wasn't the only targeted by hateful graffiti, police revealed Tuesday, as several schools, belonging to both city's public and Catholic school boards, were also hit with hateful and derogatory images and phrases.

Police are now reviewing video surveillance footage for clues on those responsible for the hateful tagging, according to Sgt. Bill Dodd of the police diversity resource team.

"The fact that it was painted on a synagogue or a place of religious worship makes it a hate



**Rabbi Menachem M. Matusof stands in an alley behind the Chabad Lubavitch of Alberta. The southwest synagogue was hit by racist vandalism earlier this month.**

BRYAN WEISMILLER/METRO

crime," he said.

Most of the tagging incidents at the schools are believed to have occurred overnight April 24 and included facilities in the 200 block of Parkland Way SE, the 1700 block of Acadia Drive SE, the 700 block of Mapleton Drive SE and the 13800 block of Parkside Drive SE. The latter school

had previously been vandalized two other times.

Sean Myers, spokesperson for the Calgary Catholic School District, said all of the hateful content had been removed from two of the district's schools targeted in the vandal spree.

"We have very few instances of graffiti in our schools, but we

treat all graffiti as vandalism and remove it as quickly as possible," he said. "We subscribe to the broken-window theory — the quicker you remove it the less likely it is to re-occur."

The Calgary Board of Education also said in an email officials were co-operating with police in their ongoing investigation.

Anyone who witnesses graffiti in progress is asked to call 911 while reports of discovering such vandalism can be filed through 311.

Shimonov said he hopes those responsible are caught.

"And I hope they are put to a judge for proper judgment," he said. "It's just not right."

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## Race in Tory leadership. Ken Hughes says no coronation for Jim Prentice

The only declared candidate so far in the Alberta Tory leadership race says there will be no coronation if former federal cabinet minister Jim Prentice enters the race.

Ken Hughes says pundits may have already dubbed Prentice the front-runner, but leadership races are crucial to building parties. Hughes says he expects his name to be there if a second ballot is necessary in the September vote.

A source close to Prentice says the one-time Calgary MP is putting a leadership team together and will announce his candidacy soon.

Hughes stepped down as Alberta's municipal affairs minister to run to replace Alison Redford, who resigned last month. He says he will conduct a grassroots campaign and tour the province in his pickup truck to get the word out about his long experience in business and politics. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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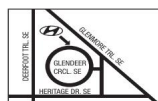
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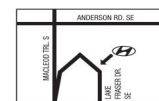
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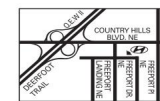
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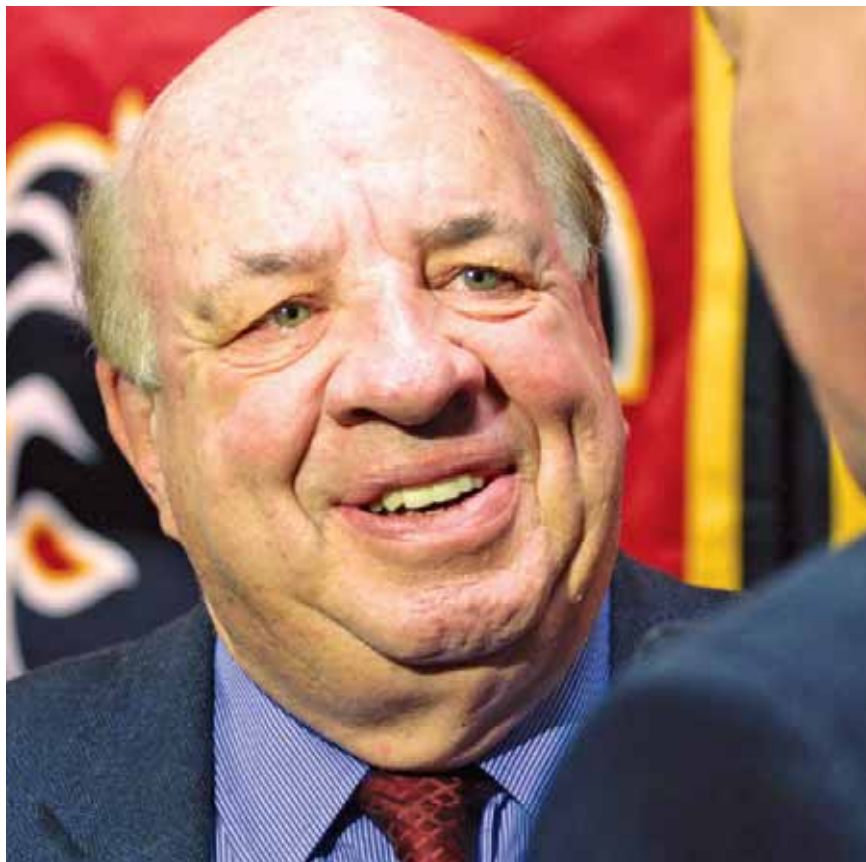


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After more than three decades in the broadcast booth, Calgary Flames legend Peter Maher announced he was calling it a career Tuesday. BRYAN WEISMILLER/METRO

# You can put Maher in the win column

**Voice of hockey.**  
Legendary sportscaster retires after 34 years of play-by-play



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He was the radio voice behind the Calgary Flames' only Stanley Cup win, the electric playoff run of 2004 and Sidney Crosby's golden goal at the 2010 Winter Olympics.

Legendary sportscaster Peter Maher announced Tuesday he's hanging up the mike.

"It's better to leave what you do best too early than too late," said Maher, citing advice from early in his career.

Past and current Flames players turned out for the announcement, as well as Flames president and CEO Ken King, and Kelly Kirch of

the Fan 960.

"The building maintenance crew said it best this morning, sitting out on the dock with their coffee. They said, 'We're going to lose our voice,'" King said inside the Saddledome.

"That's just the pureness of Peter and the full extent of his impact, right from the top, right through the organization."

Maher has called Calgary Flames games since the team was uprooted from Atlanta before the 1980-81 season.

For generations of hockey fans, he made "You can put it in the win column" and "Yeah, baby!" iconic catchphrases.

It's unclear who will fill the massive void left in the city's sports broadcasting landscape.

A tribute is planned for next season. And while there was talk about a farewell game, Maher contested that

## Hanging up the mike

- Maher was the play-by-play voice for more than 3,100 NHL games without ever missing an assignment.
- Prior to working the local broadcast booth, he called Toronto Maple Leafs games from 1977 to 1980.
- In 2006, Maher was presented the Foster Hewitt Award from the Hockey Hall Of Fame.

spotlight would be too bright for him.

"The game isn't about me," he said. "I'm the messenger. I'm telling all the audience, the listeners about our team — in this case, the Calgary Flames."




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Staff Sgt. Mark Rahn speaks to reporters Tuesday as Calgary police announced details of a five-month investigation that yielded 90 charges.

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# ‘Mastermind’ accused in long string of robberies

**Crime.** Police say man recruited others to do his bidding

Police have collared a 46-year-old Calgarian they allege was the architect in a series of violent commercial robberies.

Hassan Wilson was described by investigators Tuesday as a charismatic “criminal mastermind” who convinced drug-addled crooks and other low-level thieves to execute his well-planned attacks.

“Hassan Wilson was very sophisticated. The individuals that he recruited? Not so much,” Staff Sgt. Mark Rahn told reporters at police headquarters.

A total of 90 charges were laid following the five-month investigation dubbed “Operation Volcom.”

Police allege culprits ambushed six grocery stores from September to November 2013, including an Airdrie No Frills from which the manager was kidnapped.

Wally Basha recalled when two men in ski masks burst into Basha Foods International back in late October, one wield-

ing a knife and the other carrying a screwdriver.

Basha said he complied with their demands to open the safe.

“You can either become a hero, which is an idiot. Or you can be subdued and say ‘OK, you’re the boss,’” he said.

Two men were convicted in that case, which falls under the sweeping allegations.

Investigators report up to 10 more businesses were targeted in similar-style burglaries.

In September 2013, thieves smashed a stolen pick-up truck into Rocky Mountain Pawn Ltd. on Macleod Trail South at about 5 a.m.

Shop employee John Sanford called it a “stupid” move as the bandits couldn’t get anything under lock-and-key.

“Except for DVDs. If you wanted to steal 95-cent DVDs, I guess backing the truck in was the right way to go.”

Rahn said police caught a break in February when they intercepted Wilson and his cronies’ plan to abduct and rob that pawnshop’s owner.

Wilson is also accused in a break-and-enter in which 17 guns were stolen in Acadia in October 2013.

Additional charges aren’t ruled out. **BRYAN WEISMILLER/METRO**

Mason

## NDP leader stepping down

Alberta NDP Leader Brian Mason has announced he is stepping down so a fresh face can use a window of opportunity to capture progressive voters.

“The party is ready for prime time and I just think it needs a different leader to get it to the next level,” the five-term Edmonton member of



Brian Mason  
THE CANADIAN PRESS

the legislature said at a hastily called news conference Tuesday. “We need to ... go beyond our traditional supporters so that there is a strong and very effective group of MLAs in the next legislature, after the next election, that will stand up to the Wildrose and possibly to the PCs as well.”

Mason said he will resign as head of the party effective Oct. 19. That same weekend party faithful are to meet to pick a replacement.

He indicated he will stay on as an MLA for Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood and is likely to run again in the 2016 election.

Mason, 60, said there was no one thing that prompted his decision. It was something he’d been mulling for awhile.

He suggested Alberta is at a crossroads politically as the

right-of-centre Wildrose party presents a formidable challenge to the governing fellow right-centre PCs.

“But much like the PCs before the last election, the Wildrose is now pretending to be a moderate and socially progressive political party,” he said.

“There are hundreds of thousands of Albertans who can see through this deception. They are looking for a new political home.”

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University of Calgary vice-president and provost Dru Marshall is seen at a past town hall meeting. METRO FILE

## U of C adopts new plan for foreign recruitment

**Target.** 'Multi-modal approach' aims to boost international undergrad population by 10%



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University of Calgary officials have decided to stick with recruiting their own international students, abandoning the concept of outsourcing the task of attracting and teaching of students from abroad.

On Friday, the school's board of governors endorsed a "multi-modal approach" to achieve its target of boosting the population of international

**1,400 students**

The University of Calgary hopes to add 1,400 additional undergrad students in the coming years that will be spread out across multiple faculties and years of study.

al undergrads by 10 per cent. The model will require \$5 million for renovations and startup costs, the university said.

Previously, university vice-president and provost Dru Marshall had said a third-party approach was being mulled that would see a private corporation recruit and teach entry-level courses to students from afar.

But she faced opposition

from the campus faculty association, who warned such a move would violate their collective bargaining agreement and harm the institution's reputation and academic quality.

In a statement, Marshall said the university will now rely on direct recruiting efforts, growth of partnership programs and a "revamped" academic English program to prepare students from abroad for degree programs on campus.

"We listened to feedback from our campus community and received very creative ideas," she added. "Based on consultations, the task force concluded that a multi-modal made for University of Calgary solution was the way to go."

**Christie McCarthy**

### Woman guilty of wrongful access, altering of records

An Airdrie woman has been convicted of wrongfully accessing medical records of 34 people and altering a lab-test result in one instance.

Christie McCarthy has pleaded guilty to one charge of improper access to health information and three charges of uttering forged documents.

McCarthy received a four-month conditional sentence, followed by eight months of probation. METRO

## Manslaughter. Edmonton man pleads guilty for his role in death of baby 'M'

An Edmonton man has pleaded guilty to manslaughter for his role in the death of one of his young twins.

The two-year-old girls were found suffering from injuries and severe malnourishment in their parents' home in 2012.

The smallest girl, weighing just 13 pounds, went into cardiac arrest and slipped into a coma in hospital.

Her father and mother, who cannot be named, fought for several months in court to keep

her on life support.

Two Alberta courts agreed that the girl, known as M, should be taken off machines as per the advice of doctors and the Supreme Court refused to step into the debate.

The father also pleaded guilty to aggravated assault on the other girl and failing to provide the necessities of life.

Lawyers have not agreed on a sentence, which is to be handed down at a later date.

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# Carriage driver accused of switching horse ID

**Breaking the rules.**  
N.Y.C. driver may have used a younger horse's identity to keep an ailing 22-year-old horse at work

New York City carriage driver Frank Luo branded the wrong hoof identification number on an aging horse named Ceasar, who was supposed to be resting on a Pennsylvania farm, so he could work under a licence issued to a 12-year-old horse named Carsen, city health officials said last month.

In the written order, officials said a city vet noticed in late January that the horse had Carsen's ID number on its hoof, but its "physical characteristics



A horse is viewed as people protest against the use of carriage horses at Central Park on April 24 in New York City. SPENCER PLATT/GETTY IMAGES

and medical condition was that of the older horse." Ceasar had a mild, chronic condition called "heaves," which is similar to asthma, city officials said.

Luo told The Associated Press on Friday that the vet simply got it wrong. "I did not switch the horses. It's just very

confusing because they look alike," he said.

Initially, Luo submitted paperwork intended to prove that the horse really was Carsen, including a handwritten note from a Pennsylvania farmer who said Ceasar had been on his farm for months. The city asked for more proof, including a veterinarian's evaluation.

Five days later, Luo's lawyer informed the department that he couldn't afford to have the horse sitting idle and had shipped him to Pennsylvania and sold him.

The sale effectively ended the investigation by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, which monitors the horses' health. But the Department of Consumer Affairs, which regulates the drivers, is still investigating.

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## South Korea's president apologizes for ferry disaster

South Korean President Park Geun-hye pays tribute to the victims of the sunken ferry Sewol at a group memorial altar in Ansan, South Korea. Guen-hye apologized Tuesday for the government's inept initial response to a deadly ferry sinking as divers fought strong currents in their search for nearly 100 passengers still missing nearly two weeks after the accident. The government also raised the death toll to 204 amid rising indignation over claims by the victims' relatives that the government did not do enough to rescue or protect their loved ones. YONHAP/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### U.S. Senate

#### Rand Paul proposes end to Palestinian aid

A Republican senator is pushing legislation that would end U.S. aid to the Palestinians unless they renounce terrorism and recognize the state of Israel. Sen. Rand Paul introduced legislation on Tuesday that would cut off assistance, loan guarantees and debt relief to the Palestinian Authority or any affiliated government entity.

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### Indianapolis airport

#### Three flights make emergency landings

Three aircraft made emergency landings at Indianapolis International Airport within one day. Airport spokesman Carlo Bertolini says a United Airlines regional jet landed Tuesday after reporting a possible problem with an auxiliary power unit. A military A10 aircraft also diverted to Indianapolis and a Delta flight to carrying 112 people was landed due to engine trouble.

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### New York

#### Murder trial might review rap lyrics

Jurors at the New York City trial of an alleged drug kingpin could be hearing his amateur rap rhymes as evidence against him.

Prosecutors have asked a judge to allow them to use the lyrics at the trial of Ronald "Da Riggs" Herron. The government says gritty recordings by Herron bolster allegations he was a stone-cold killer.

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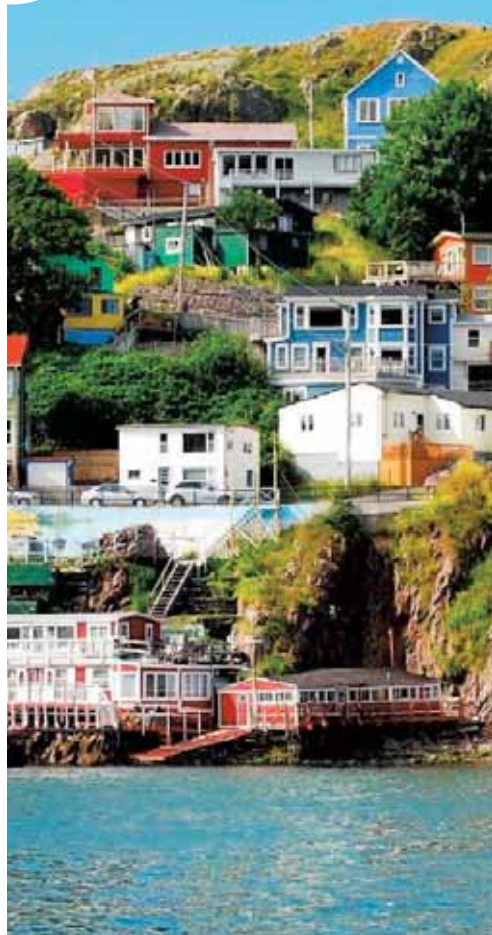
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Dan Wassman gets a hug from friend Amy Lundsford at the home site of his son, also named Dan, who was killed when a tornado destroyed his home late Sunday afternoon in Vilonia, Ark. MARK WILSON/GETTY IMAGES

## Tornadoes ravage the Deep South

**Death and destruction.**  
Storm system the latest onslaught of severe weather in the area

A storm system that spawned a chain of deadly tornadoes over three days flattened homes and businesses, forced frightened residents in more than half a dozen states to take cover and left tens of thousands in the dark Tuesday.

As the storm hopscotched across a large swath of the U.S., the overall death toll reached

### Tragedy

"You see this in movies ... You don't see it in your own backyard."

Abby Tucker, 27

more than 30, killed Monday and Sunday in a band stretching from Oklahoma to Alabama.

Some awoke Tuesday to find their loved ones missing and their homes pulverized. In Louisville, firefighters picked through the remains of mobile homes, and 20 of them linked

hands to wade through debris.

With water and roof damage, the small local hospital's emergency room was evacuated Monday. "We thought we were going to be OK, then a guy came in and said, 'It's here right now,'" said Dr. Michael Henry. "Then boom! It blew through."

"You see this in movies," said Abby Tucker, 27. "You don't see it in your own backyard."

The storm system is the latest onslaught of severe weather a day after a tornado carved a 130-kilometre path of destruction through Little Rock, Ark., killing at least 15.

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## Italian judge says Knox delivered 'mortal blow'

The Italian appeals court that reinstated the conviction against Amanda Knox in her British roommate's 2007 murder said in a lengthy reasoning made public Tuesday that Knox herself delivered the fatal blow out of a desire to "overpower and humiliate" the victim.

Presiding Judge Alessandro Nencini concluded that the evidence "inevitably leads to the upholding of the criminal responsibility" against Knox and her former Italian boyfriend Raffaele Sollecito for the murder of 21-year-old Meredith Kercher in a hillside villa occupied by students in the university



Amanda Knox

town of Perugia.

The judge said the nature of Kercher's wounds, which he said were inflicted by two knives, and the absence of defensive wounds indicated multiple aggressors were to blame, also including Rudy Hermann Guede, convicted separately and serving a 16-year sentence.

The release of the court's reasoning opens the verdict to an appeal back to the supreme

Court of Cassation. Knox, 26, has vowed to fight the reinstated conviction.

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### The decision

Sollecito, now 30, used a small knife that caused a wound on Kercher's neck and also was used to remove her bra, the judge wrote, while Guede restrained and sexually assaulted the victim. Knox "delivered the only mortal blow," with a kitchen knife, the judge wrote.

### Suspect dead

## Six wounded in FedEx shooting

A FedEx employee wearing ammunition across his chest opened fire Tuesday at a package-sorting centre outside Atlanta, wounding six people, three critically, before committing suicide, police and witnesses said.

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### Botched execution

## Death row inmate dies of heart attack

An inmate whose execution was halted because of a botched drug combination died of a heart attack, the head of the Okla. Department of Corrections said. Officials said Clayton Lockett had vein failure during the execution. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### Colorado

## BYOW: Like BYOB, but with weed

Saying it's bring-your-own-weed, the Colorado Symphony Orchestra will play a series of fundraising concerts sponsored by the state's growing pot industry.

Listeners are encouraged to bring their own marijuana to smoke or eat. Smoking will be allowed at the private venues where the first two 21-and-up concerts will be held. Organizers say they will follow the rules at the final show at the publicly owned Red Rocks Amphitheater, where smoking is banned.

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### Mexico City

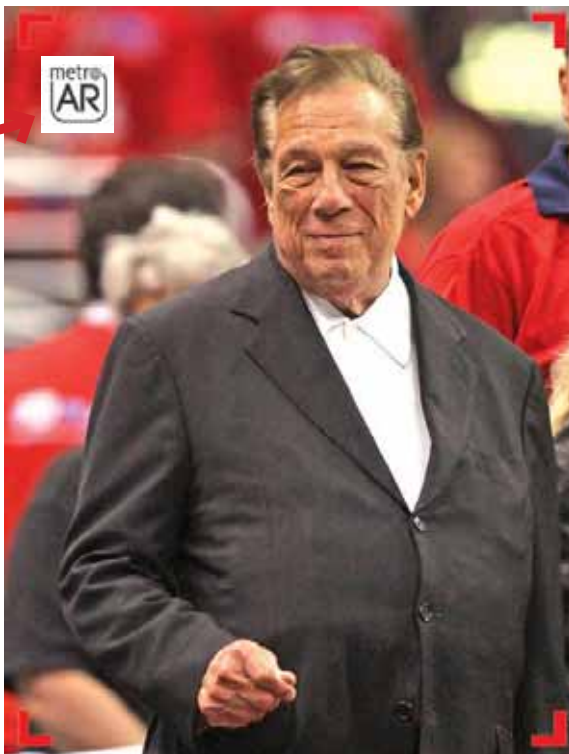
## Thieves stopped by 'vigilante' justice

Mexico City officials said Tuesday an unidentified man disarmed a thief trying to rob passengers aboard a bus, then shot him and another thief to death before fleeing.

Officials said the bodies of two men were found at the scene Monday, as were two pistols — one of them a toy. Officials quoted witnesses saying two men were allegedly robbing passengers at gunpoint when a bus rider wrestled a gun away from one thief, shot him and the accomplice. He has been labelled "the anonymous avenger," or "Vengador Anonimo" in local media.

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Los Angeles Clippers owner Donald Sterling, seen here on the sidelines of a 2012 NBA playoffs game, won't get to watch his team in the current playoffs after the NBA banned him for life in response to racist comments the league says he made in a recorded conversation. STEPHEN DUNN/GETTY IMAGES FILE

# NBA clips Sterling's wings with lifetime ban

## Racist comments.

League commissioner says Clippers' owner acknowledged he was the man on the tape

Issuing about the strongest rebuke that he could, NBA Commissioner Adam Silver banned Los Angeles Clippers owner Donald Sterling for life Tuesday for making racist comments in a recorded conversation, the first step toward forcing a sale of the club and permanently removing Sterling from the league.

Silver also fined Sterling \$2.5 million US.

Sterling, the league's longest-tenured owner and someone with an estimated net worth of about \$2 billion US, did not offer any immediate comment.

Silver said a league inves-

## Reaction



"This league is far bigger than any one owner, any one coach and any one player."

NBA Commissioner Adam Silver, speaking at a press conference Tuesday in New York City to discuss Los Angeles Clippers owner Donald Sterling.

tigation found that Sterling was in fact the person on the audiotapes that were released over the weekend.

Sterling still owns the team, but going forward he is immediately barred from attending any NBA games or practices, being present at any Clippers office or facility, participating in any business or player personnel decisions involving the team.

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# Canadian pleads for husband's release

**Man held in Egypt.**  
Health of former Morsi aide failing after 300 days

A Canadian woman is pleading for federal help to convince Egypt to release her husband from captivity in a Cairo jail.

Sarah Attia says the health of her husband, Khaled Al-Qazzaz, is deteriorating.

Attia says she's growing more worried about his fate after word this week that more than 680 people with ties to ousted president Mohammed Morsi were added to a list of those facing death sentences.

Al-Qazzaz is a former aide to Morsi and a Canadian permanent resident.

He was arrested along with Morsi and eight other presidential aides early in



Sarah Attia, wife of Khaled Al-Qazzaz.  
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July of last year when the Egyptian military removed Morsi from office.

While Al-Qazzaz has yet to be charged with any offence, Monday marked 300 days since his arrest.

Attia, who was born in

Canada, was scheduled to meet Tuesday with Mississauga MP Stella Ambler.

Attia and Al-Qazzaz have four children ranging in age from one-and-a-half to eight years old. The two met while studying at the University of Toronto and moved to Egypt in 2005 to launch an educational project.

Al-Qazzaz campaigned for Morsi following the 2011 Egyptian uprising and was later appointed the former president's secretary on foreign relations.

"There is an increased concern that, any moment now, Khaled may witness trumped-up charges and, like others, face a death sentence as well," Attia told an Ottawa news conference.

She said she's aware that Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird recently raised Al-Qazzaz's case with the new Egyptian regime, but has no details of the discussions. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



## Price tag for jets could soar

An F-35 during the Joint Services Open House and Air Show at Andrews Air Force Base in Maryland. A new report says the operating costs of Canada's proposed new stealth fighter could be much higher than what the Harper government is acknowledging. **BRENDAN SMIALOWSKI/GETTY IMAGES**

### Court of appeal

#### Khadr's status before court

Former Guantanamo Bay detainee Omar Khadr turns to Alberta's top court Wednesday in hopes of having his eight-year prison term recognized as a youth rather than an adult sentence. At issue before Alberta's Court of Appeal is whether Correctional Service of Canada has correctly interpreted the sentence handed down by an American military commission in 2010 after Khadr pleaded guilty to five war crimes he committed as a 15-year-old.

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### Toronto

#### 'Charity' branded terrorist group

A Canadian organization, the International Relief Fund for the Afflicted and Needy, has been formally branded a terrorist group before the start of a court battle over the revocation of its charitable status.

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# A BRAVE NEW EARTH

Why go to Mars?  
Futurists say the better question is: Why not?



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Peering into the coming decades, Glen Hiemstra has little doubt that humans will one day walk on Mars.

"It's a question of inevitability more than a question of feasibility," the Seattle-based author, consultant and founder of Futurist.com told Metro. "We will eventually go there."

While Hiemstra described the goal of the Mars One project to land settlers on the Red Planet in 2025 as "very ambitious," he also believes the timeline isn't all that far off.

"In my opinion, optimistically, it's the 2030s, not the 2020s," he said. "Realistically, it's probably the 2040s, 2050s before we've really assembled everything that we need."

Len Rosen, the Toronto-based author of 21st Century Tech Blog, foresees a similar timeframe for humanity's first footprints on Martian soil.

"The most optimistic people think in the 2030s — somewhere in that decade," said the 65-year-old Rosen. "I'm hoping I'll be alive to see it."

Questions of how aside, both Rosen and Hiemstra had similar answers when asked

the bigger question: Why should we go to Mars?

Neither thought it likely that, in the immediate future at least, humans would need another planet to escape some calamity on Earth. Rather, they said, it's more a matter of satisfying our natural desire to explore.

"Curiosity is a huge part of our human nature," Rosen said. "Why do you climb a mountain to the top? You're not doing it because you feel you need to find something at the top of the mountain, other than the satisfaction."

Hiemstra said there is a certain "lifeboat aspect to settling somewhere else," adding that humanity will need another planet at some point in the distant, distant future, but for now that's not the main driver to send people to Mars.

"I think it's really driven more by the exploratory impulse," he said.

That impulse has been behind many past human achievements, Rosen noted.

"What drove us to learn how to build aircraft?" he said. "At the time I don't think anybody thought we needed to do it, but we did it. And now, what would be our world without air transport?"

# WELCOME THE RED PLANET

**A human expedition to Mars is proposed within the next 15 years. Over the next three days, Metro will take you on a pre-flight trip to show you how we'll get there, who might be first to go, and what it might be like when they arrive in this new frontier.**

## Spacecraft propulsion of the past, present and future ...

**Faster and faster.** The roughly seven-month trip to Mars is seen as one of the major challenges in sending people to the Red Planet.

Such a long journey will take a toll on astronauts, both in terms of exposure to high levels of space radiation and the long-term effects of microgravity on the human body. But scientists are researching all sorts of different ways to speed up spacecraft and cut down on the travel time. Here are some of the propulsion methods being considered:

### Liquid-fuelled rockets

This is the type of propulsion that has been sending rockets off of the Earth's surface since the 1950s. It remains the most feasible and readily available method of powering spacecraft, although the challenge for interplanetary travel (rather than just putting craft in orbit) is that it requires both fuel and oxygen — and that can become burdensome to carry, as oxygen accounts for most of the mass in typical propellant combinations.

### Ion/plasma thrusters

This approach to propulsion uses electric forces to hurl tiny charged particles at high speeds. Many satellites already use this technology to help stabilize their orbits. These thrusters have been eyed for extremely long-distance space travel, as they can provide small but continuous acceleration for months, even years. But a former NASA astronaut is working on a "Variable Specific Impulse Magnetoplasma Rocket" (VASIMR) he believes could one day reach Mars in just 40 days.

### Nuclear fission

Splitting atoms to derive energy is an attractive option because a tiny amount of nuclear fuel can deliver an enormous amount of propulsion. The main challenge lies in safely controlling the fission reaction, as you don't want a meltdown in space. Nevertheless, NASA is working on a "Fission Fragment Rocket Engine" that it believes could provide "significant thrust" using "small amounts of readily available, energy dense, long lasting fuel."

### Nuclear fusion

This process involves the smashing of atoms together rather than splitting them apart, but it is similarly attractive because it harnesses massive amounts of energy from small amounts of fuel. A deuterium-tritium fuel pellet the size of a grain of sand could deliver as much propulsion as a gallon of liquid rocket fuel from a "Fusion Drive Rocket" under development by NASA and the University of Washington.

### Antimatter engine

Anti matter engines are largely the stuff of science fiction, but the NASA Institute for Advanced Concepts is funding a team of researchers who are looking into the possibility of such technology. The idea is to collide matter with antimatter, resulting in a complete annihilation of mass, all of which is converted to energy. As NASA writes on its website: "While tons of chemical fuel are needed to propel a human mission to Mars, just tens of milligrams of antimatter will do."



# TO PLANET



## Mission to Mars: Day 1

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## Success rate climbing with successive missions

Historically, more missions to Mars have failed than succeeded, but the success rate is climbing as technology improves and new missions build on the lessons of previous ones.

NASA, itself, has seen a string of recent successes, from the Spirit and Opportunity rovers in 2003, to the Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter in 2007, to the famous Curiosity rover that landed in 2012 and has been sending back high-definition imagery ever since.

NASA's next major mission, named InSight, is set to launch in March 2016 with the goal of landing a robotic drill on the Red Planet that will probe five metres into Martian soil.

Working on the robot is Catherine Johnson, a professor of planetary geophysics at the University of British Columbia, who said the tricky task of safely placing a delicate lander on

the surface of Mars is becoming easier in one sense, but harder in another.

"One of the things that is becoming more and more challenging — in a good way — is that we have more and more information about the surface of Mars now, at higher and higher resolution," she said.

"So our criteria for what is a safe landing site gets stricter and stricter."

But even with a perfectly calculated trajectory and an ideal location to land, Johnson said there's one curveball Mars can still throw at you — the weather.

"A planet with an atmosphere, even if it's only a thin atmosphere like on Mars, that atmosphere can be quite variable," she said. "You never know exactly what's going to be happening the day you land."

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### Success and failures

In a "historical log" of 41 missions (not all of them landing missions) undertaken by various countries since 1960, NASA counts:

- 23 as having failed
- 16 as having succeeded
- 2 as "success/failure" for partially achieving their goals



An artist's conception of the stationary NASA Mars lander known as InSight, set to launch in March 2016 with the goal of drilling into the interior of Mars. COURTESY NASA/JPL-CALTECH

### Journey to Mars

## Hundreds of millions of kilometres on a slingshot- trip around the sun

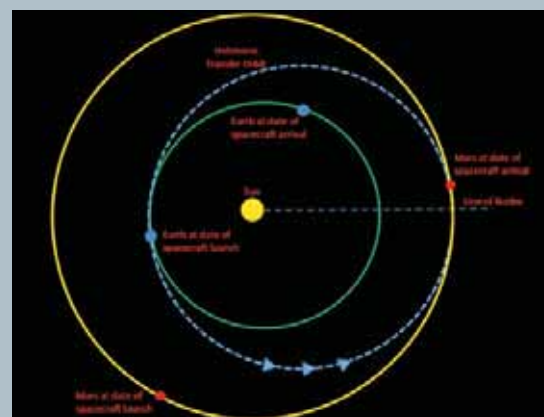
The trip to Mars is a long one.

Next to Venus, the Red Planet is the second closest to Earth, but the direct distance from here to there is still measured in the tens of millions — sometimes hundreds of millions — of kilometres.

That's because, as Earth and Mars each make their way around the sun, the distance between the two terrestrial planets varies widely.

At its closest, Mars can be about 55 million kilometres away. At its furthest, it's more than 400 million kilometres away. Earth has the inside track around the sun, orbiting every 365 days, while the Mars year is longer — roughly 687 days.

The difference between their orbital periods means that Earth "laps" Mars about



A depiction of how a spacecraft would go from Earth to Mars using a Hohmann transfer orbit.

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once every 26 months.

These moments present an ideal launch window for spacecraft, although even then the journey is not a direct A-to-B path.

A typical trip to Mars follows what's called a "Hohmann transfer orbit," in which a spacecraft leaves Earth on one side of the sun, slingshots around the sun, and meets up with Mars on the far side of the sun from where it began. The entire journey spans hundreds of millions of kilometres and takes about seven months.

This is the route that Mars One plans to use.

According to its ambitious schedule, the non-profit foundation aims to launch unmanned spacecraft carrying equipment and robots to the Red Planet in 2018, 2020, and 2022, and then send the first crew of human settlers — on a one-way trip — in 2024. ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO

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# Insurgents raise tensions in Ukraine

## A key move.

Protesters demanding regional authority occupy government building in Luhansk

Protesters demanding more power for Ukraine's regions stormed the government building in Luhansk with baseball bats Tuesday, seizing control of a key site in one of the largest cities in Ukraine's troubled east.

The move further raises tensions in the east, where insurgents have seized city halls, police stations and other government buildings in at least 10 cities and towns.

The demonstrators who overran the building are seeking — at the very least — a referendum on granting greater authority to Ukraine's regions.

Eastern Ukraine, which has a large Russian-speaking population, was the heartland of support for Viktor Yanukovich, the president who fled to Russia in February. The government that replaced him in Kyiv



Pro-Russian activists storm an administration building in Luhansk Tuesday, one of the largest cities in Ukraine's troubled east. ALEXANDER ZEMLIANICHENKO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

has resisted those demands so far, fearing they could lead to a breakup of the country or mean that more regions — like Crimea — are annexed by Russia.

The storming came as 1,000 demonstrators gath-

ered in front of the building. About 150 people, some masked and wielding baseball bats, broke out of the crowd and charged into the building, meeting with no resistance. Later protesters formed a corridor for police

who had been inside the building to leave.

In Kyiv, Ukraine's parliament on Tuesday discussed the possibility of holding a national referendum on whether the country should remain united or become a

loose federation that allows the regions more powers. However, nothing close to a consensus was reached.

Ukraine is already holding a new presidential election on May 25.

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## Ukraine election

### Canadian gov't hires new agencies to organize election observers

The Harper government has hired two agencies with relatively little experience in elections monitoring to organize hundreds of Canadian observers for next month's Ukrainian election.

The government has hired the Forum of Federations and CUSO International to replace its longtime Ukraine election partner, the non-governmental organization Canadem. Veteran election observers, as well as Canadem, were caught off-guard by the announcement last week.

The project will see 338 bilateral, short-term Canadian observers sent to the May 25 vote in Ukraine.

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Customers wait outside a Louis Vuitton store on the Avenue des Champs-Élysées in Paris. COURTESY FLICKR: JULIE CORSI

**Study.** Customers spend more money when staff at ritzy retailers are rude

If luxury brands want to sell more, they should hire rude sales staff.

That's the finding of a new University of B.C. study that reveals consumers who get the brush-off at high-end retailers are more willing to fork over the big bucks.

"In some ways, you can see it as the Pretty Woman effect," said Sauder School of Business marketing professor Darren Dahl, referring to the famous shopping scene in the 1990 Hollywood rom-com starring Julia Roberts. "In that moment, you want that luxury. You want to be part of that group."

For the study, participants imagined or had two interactions with sales staff, one that was rude and one that wasn't. The participants then rated their feelings about the store brands and their desire to

buy the product.

Those who aspired to be associated with the high-end brands were more likely to buy after being treated poorly by the sales staff, the study found.

The effect only held true for customers who aspired to be associated with the luxury brand. It also only worked if the salesperson appeared to be an authentic representative of the brand.

"This isn't everybody," said Dahl. "Our study shows you've got to be the right kind of snob in the right kind of store for the effect to work."

The caveat? The effect fades over time, said Dahl. Two weeks after buying the luxury brand products, participants who dealt with rude customer service reported negative attitudes toward the brand.

While the study's findings can empower consumers to make better buying decisions, Dahl said it's an important lesson for luxury retailers that walk a fine line between appearing exclusive without alienating its customers.

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# BY GEORGE! AT LAST, A UNION FORGED

I'm sure I'm not the only guy who ever wished he could be George Clooney, if only for a day.

A winning combination of intelligence, talent, wit, savoir faire, je ne sais quoi and all those other untranslatable French phrases, George tops it all off with matinee-idol good looks.

Not surprising. He's a matinee idol, duh. Which is no small distinction. Matinee idols are a dying breed. All the other guys on the cover of GQ look alike and are called Hemsworth. George is the epitome of class at a time when class is 40 per cent off at the outlet mall. Who wouldn't want to be George?

Until now, George was also the world's most eligible bachelor. Apparently — I wouldn't know — that's tough. When the women of the world are throwing themselves at your feet, it can be a challenge, or so I hear. George handled the "too many women problem" by doing his best to date them all. And after a brief matrimonial experi-



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ment in the early '90s, he also tried to live with them all, one at a time, for two-to-three-year stretches.

A selfless quest, if doomed to failure. There's just not enough George to go around. And, truth be told, at 53, he's not getting any younger. You could see it in Gravity. Sandra Bullock was the undisputed star and George was relegated to supporting role status as the kindly sidekick, sort of Buzz Lightyear with crinkles. Not wrinkles. George will never have wrinkles.

The signs are clear. The man who bet Michelle Pfeiffer \$100,000 that he'd never get married again is ready to settle down. All those cocktail waitresses, supermodels and female wrestlers were OK when he was dating the entire

female gender, but now he has to pick one. And so he's focused that formidable charm on the world's smartest and most beautiful woman, who, in case you're wonder-

ing, is 36-year-old Amal Alamuddin. It's hard to believe she is just one woman. She tops the list of the 21 Hottest Barristers in London, was educated at Oxford, specializes in international law, speaks three languages, advises the Secretary General of the UN on human rights in Syria, represented ex-Ukrainian Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko and helped Wikileaks founder Julian Assange resist extradition to Sweden.

Imagine it's hard to pull the wool over Ms. Alamuddin's eyes, but when the wolf mounting the charm offensive is George Clooney, what can you do? You sigh, succumb, and go to meet mom. Who, by the way, approves of this prodigious combination of beauty and brains.

Of course, this is real life, not Hollywood. The union of the world's most eligible bachelor and the paragon of global jurisprudence does not, at first blush, look like a recipe for Happily Ever After. Amal better hope George's attempt to mate, er, date the planet is over, and George better hope he doesn't end up before a world tribunal on matrimonial war crimes. Still, today, it's all about congratulations and the triumph of class over crass.

## ZOOM

### Science experimantis



Newcastle University scientists research vision by outfitting a praying mantis with 3D glasses.  
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#### Q&A

#### "It's a test for their eyesight"



**VIVEK NITYANANDA**  
Research associate at Newcastle University's Institute of Neuroscience

A praying mantis has been outfitted with the world's smallest pair of 3D glasses as part of an experiment to understand the insect's vision. Scientists from Newcastle University used beeswax

to affix the five-millimetre-wide shades on the bug's head.

Here's what researcher Vivek Nityanada had to say about the experiment:

#### What inspired you to put 3D glasses on a bug?

We wanted to find out how three-dimensional vision has evolved. Like humans, praying mantises have 3D vision, or stereopsis. They are the only insects with such sight.

#### How did your mantis take to its new eyewear?

It tried to take them off at first, but eventually got pretty comfortable with

them and went about its usual mantis business.

#### Do the glasses work?

So far, our results have been mixed. It's promising but we haven't nailed it down yet.

**Maybe the insect will prefer the glasses, as a super-enhancement to its vision.** (Laughs) It doesn't really change its eyesight for the better; we're just fooling it into misjudging depth. But the glasses do make them seem more sophisticated, and they definitely look weirder than they already are.

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Anybody who has travelled abroad has likely been warned about the skilled pickpockets who are hoping to ply your wares in the world's larger tourist havens.

But as this security footage shot in Thailand shows, keeping your belongings safe is more than just a matter of having your cash strapped to your belly and your belongings always in sight. Because a highly co-ordinated phalanx of thieves, complete with distraction games and carefully constructed props, makes for a formidable enemy.



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# Stone shines in every role

**From The Help to Spider-Man.** Whether the role demands Lucille-Ball-style screwball comedy, fiery rage and indignation or sizzling chemistry, Emma thrives



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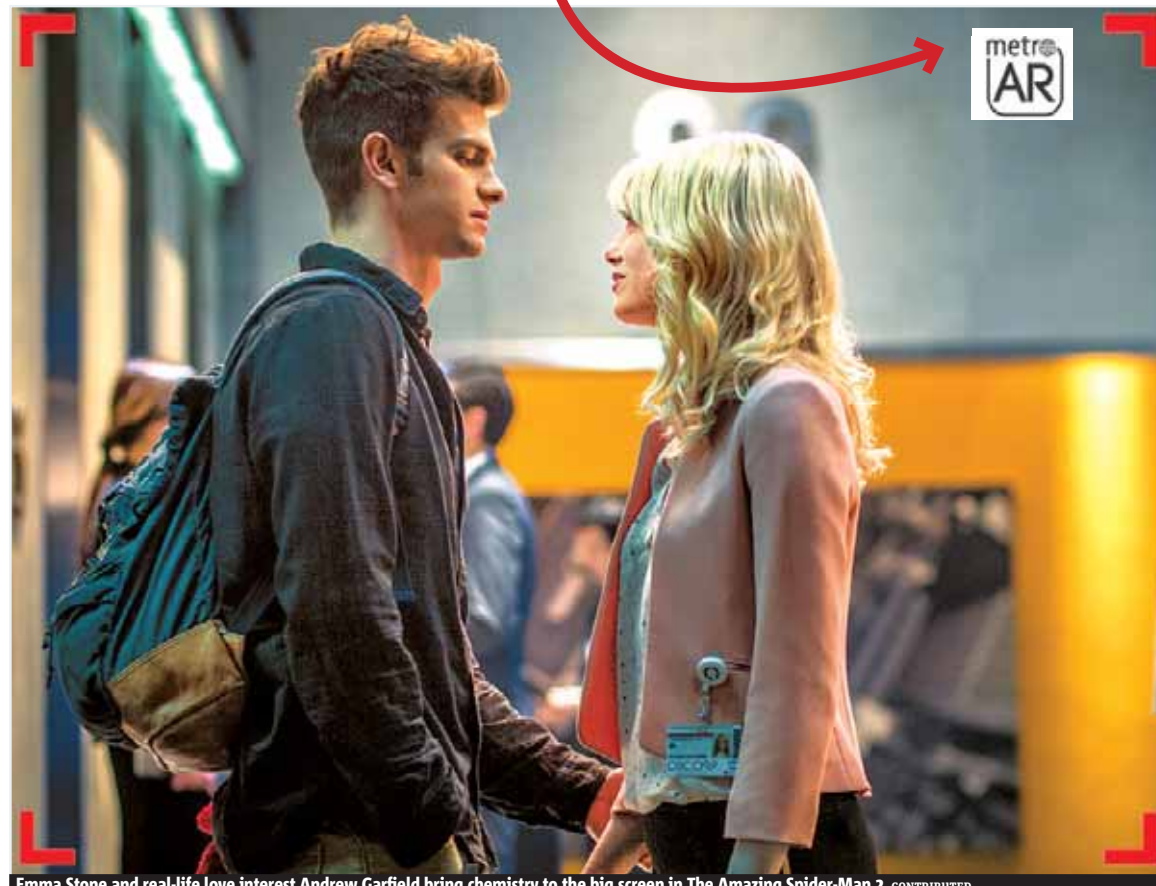
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The Spider-Man movies don't skimp on the stuff that puts the "super" into superhero movies. There's web-slinging shenanigans and wild bad guys galore, but The Amazing Spider-Man 2 director Marc Webb calls the relationship between Spidey and girlfriend Gwen Stacy, "the engine of the movie."

The chemistry the real-life couple brings to the screen is undeniable, but it almost didn't get a chance to blossom. Before Stone landed the role of the brainiac love interest, Mia Wasikowska, Imogen Poots, Emma Roberts and even Lindsay Lohan were considered.

Stone won some of the best reviews of her career playing Gwen in The Amazing Spider-Man — Peter Travers said she, "just jumps to life on screen" — in a role that gave her the biggest hit of her career to date.

Smaller roles in Superbad and Zombieland hinted at her ability to be funny and hold the screen, but in 2010's Easy A she turned a corner into full-on Lucille Ball mode, mixing pratfalls with wit while pulling faces and cracking jokes. Smart



Emma Stone and real-life love interest Andrew Garfield bring chemistry to the big screen in The Amazing Spider-Man 2. CONTRIBUTED

and funny, she's the film's centrepiece.

The movie begins with the voice over, "The rumours of my promiscuity have been greatly exaggerated." It's the voice of Olive (Stone), a clean-cut high school senior who tells a little white lie about losing her virginity. As soon as the gossip mill gets a hold of the info, however, her life takes a parallel course to the heroine of the book she is studying in

English class — The Scarlet Letter.

Stone is laugh-out-loud funny in Easy A, but her breakout film was a serious drama.

In The Help, she plays Jackson, Miss. native "Skeeter" Phelan who comes home from four years at school to discover the woman who raised her, a maid named Constantine (Cicely Tyson), is no longer employed by her family. Her mother says she

quit, but Skeeter has doubts. With the help of a courageous group of housekeepers she tells the real story of the life of the maids, writing a book called The Help.

The Flick Philosopher called her performance, "on fire with indignation and rage," and she moved from The Help to a variety of roles, including playing a femme fatale in Gangster Squad opposite Ryan Gosling and Josh Brolin, and lending

her trademark raspy voice to cave girl Eep in the animated hit The Croods.

The 25-year-old actress is living her childhood dream of being an actress but says if performing hadn't worked out, she would have been a journalist, "because (investigating people's lives is) pretty much what an actor does. And imagine getting to interview people like me," she laughs. "It can't get much better than that."

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The cast of Star Wars: Episode VII includes up-and-comer Oscar Isaac. GETTY IMAGES FILE

## Star Wars: Episode VII Cast finally announced

Star Wars: Episode VII finally has its stars. May the Force be with them.

After months of carefully guarded secrecy and endless Internet speculation, Lucasfilm and Walt Disney Co. unveiled the cast of the latest incarnation of the space epic Tuesday on the official Star Wars website.

Starring in J.J. Abrams' new Star Wars are: John Boyega, Daisy Ridley, Adam Driver, Oscar Isaac, Max von Sydow, Andy Serkis and Domhnall Gleeson.

The companies declined to name the characters each

will play, though Driver, the breakout star of HBO's *Girls*, is widely expected to be playing the film's feature villain.

They join returning Star Wars veterans Harrison Ford, Mark Hamill and Carrie Fisher. Peter Mayhew is also back as Chewbacca and Kenny Baker will reprise R2-D2.

Star Wars: Episode VII, which will be set 30 years after 1983's *Return of the Jedi*, will be released in December 2015. Disney acquired Lucasfilm in 2012, and immediately put a new Star Wars trilogy into development. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

## Justice League. Will Matt Damon don green tights for the role of Aquaman?

Rumours have it that Matt Damon could be slated to join his longtime friend Ben Affleck on the set of Zack Snyder's forthcoming superhero movie. That's the buzz on TheWrap.com.

Matt Damon could board Justice League, the feature on the DC Comics superhero team, along the same lines as Marvel's *Avengers*. The speculation should be regarded as such, however, especially since the character he is thought to play is not even guaranteed to appear in the movie.

Damon may be in line to play Aquaman, king of the underwater city of Atlantis, whose superpowers include telepathy and superhuman strength.

If the rumours are true, Damon will co-star with Ben Affleck and Henry Cavill, who are expected to return as Batman and Superman respectively.

The other persistent rumours surrounding Justice



Matt Damon is rumoured to be on board for the upcoming Justice League film. ANNE-CHRISTINE POUJOLAT/ AFP

League pertain to its possible release date. While Latino Review thinks the feature will be in theatres on May 5, 2017, the Wall Street Journal indicates that the feature will be released in 2018 at the earliest. **AFP**

### Online TV

## Yahoo unveils original online show content

Yahoo has unveiled original online shows and new advertising options as it continues a long-running attempt to evolve into an Internet venue for premier content.

The offerings will include two comedy programs, a partnership with Live Nation to stream concerts, an online travel magazine, and new advertising capabilities.

Other Space, a science fiction comedy, will centre on a spaceship crew winding up in an alternate universe in the early 22nd century, while Sin City Saints tells the story of a Silicon Valley tycoon who buys a Las Vegas pro-basketball team.

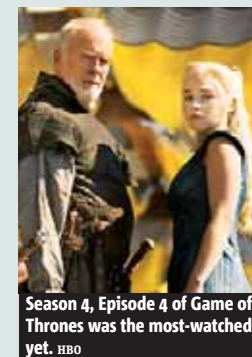
The new shows will launch on Yahoo Screen next year and be viewable on mobile devices, desktop computers or through Apple TV or Roku set-top boxes. **AFP**

### HBO

## Game of Thrones sets ratings record

The HBO fantasy series *Game of Thrones* achieved a new record audience with the fourth episode of its fourth season, entitled *Oathkeeper*, which aired on Sunday, April 27.

The broadcast was watched by close to seven million viewers at 9 p.m., and the total audience number climbed to 8.4 million when taking into account viewers of rebroadcasts through the night. **AFP**

Season 4, Episode 4 of *Game of Thrones* was the most-watched yet. HBO

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## The Word

### Donald Sterling's girlfriend, V. Stiviano, reads Metro?



THE WORD  
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After the audio tapes of Clippers' owner Donald Sterling spewing racial slurs hit, his alleged girlfriend and leaker of those tapes, V. Stiviano, made her Instagram account public for the world to see. And if you haven't looked



V.STIVIANO/INSTAGRAM

at it, you should. It is truly weird and obnoxious — she overuses hashtags more than a 13-year-old girl.

After some sleuthing, we stumbled upon this shot of her reading a Metro with the caption, "I'm searching for love in the classified

section!"

We at Metro want you to know we don't support people like Donald Sterling advertising in our classified section. She must have found him some other way. Maybe racistsugardaddy-forme.com?



George Clooney

### George's family is stunned he proposed

So how did committed bachelor George Clooney end up feeling compelled to propose to girlfriend Amal Alamuddin after just six months of dating? That's a mystery even his own family can't solve.

"This woman must be exceptionally special to him for him to take the plunge. He hasn't seen her very long. In the past there has at least been some sort of length of time," the actor's aunt, Starla Clooney, tells Radar Online. "I'm just as surprised as the rest of the world. George was going to be a bachelor his whole life. She must have really bowled him over."



Kanye West and Kim Kardashian ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

### Kim and Kanye lockdown their love this week

It is being reported that Kim Kardashian and Kanye West will be wed in a very small, private ceremony with a justice of the peace in Los Angeles this week.

Yes, yes, yes — the lavish Parisian celebration is still taking place, but before that occurs, their lawyers are recommending they be

hitched in a civil ceremony to avoid going through an international bureaucratic nightmare. After they say "I do" in court, they will then fly to Paris to plan their wedding.

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## Outer Banks offers different strokes for different folks

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Even for golfers determined to spend every possible moment swinging the sticks, the Outer Banks of North Carolina offer other attractions too essential to ignore.

Foremost among them is the Wright Brothers National Memorial, set on the now hallowed ground near the beach town of Kitty Hawk where Wilbur and Orville Wright launched the first powered air flight in 1903.

A stone pillar marks the precise spot of that epochal liftoff, and the site's prize attraction is a full-scale replica of the Wright Flyer, their first primitive aircraft.

The Wright brothers are credited with making famous this sun-drenched 320-kilometre long chain of barrier islands, just off the coast of North Carolina and a small stretch of Virginia.

Today, the coastline's white sand beaches, light-houses, oyster houses, quaint shingle-sided inns and outstanding golf courses are year-round attractions — although peak season runs from May through September.

Capricious winds off the turbulent waters offshore, known as the Graveyard of the Atlantic, frequently bedevil golfers at the popular oceanfront courses of OBX, as tourism marketers have branded the Outer Banks.

Most cruelly exposed to the elements is Nags Head Golf Links, a Scottish-style design where several holes play alongside Roanoke Sound. Golf Digest called architect Bob Moore's layout "the longest 6,126 yards you'll ever play."

Another seaside beauty



Nags Head Golf Links is cruelly exposed to the turbulent waters of the Atlantic and offers a challenging 18-hole game. ALL PHOTOS: CONTRIBUTED/PLAYOBXGOLF.COM



A stroll through beauty like this will make you forget the frustration of golf.

### Where to stay

Many visitors rent beach houses through local agents. Popular inns include Nags Head Inn and Hilton Garden Inn in Kitty Hawk. But gorgeously remodelled Sanderling Resort, a beachhouse-style property just outside the town of Duck, is especially memorable. Three pools and a wraparound deck overlook an uninterrupted strand of prime Atlantic beachfront.

Nags Head, Kill Devil Hills, Waves, Duck and other quaintly named and picturesque beachfront towns dot a still largely unpretentious and laid-back strand where many houses are built on stilts for protection against the surging tides that accompany the autumn hurricanes.

Visitors will need a car to travel between golf courses and see the sights.

It's a long trek to the Outer Banks from even the closest major airports: Norfolk International Airport is about 145 kilometres from centrally located Nags Head; and Raleigh Durham International Airport about 338 kilometres.

Another must-play course is Kilmarlic Golf Club, a Tom Steele mainland design carved through 600 acres of maritime forest and wetlands. Kilmarlic hosted the North Carolina Open in 2004 and 2009.

A more player-friendly option is The Pointe Golf Club, a traditional Russell Breeden-designed layout in rural countryside on the mainland.

Far more demanding is The Pointe's sister course — the Carolina Club, a brawny 7,000-yard brute where the shifting ocean breezes present a constant challenge. The signature hole here is a 166-yard par three with a TPC Sawgrass-inspired island green.

is Currituck Club, a dramatic Rees Jones design that sweeps across 600 acres of dunes, wetlands, maritime forests and sound seascapes.

High seas swept ashore another of the coast's unique attractions. Wild horses, descendants of Spanish mustangs that sur-

vived 16th-century shipwrecks, freely roam the dunes of Swan Beach, North Swan Beach and Carova Beach. Jeep tours offered from the nearby town of Corolla provide a close-up look at the tenacious survivors of a herd that once ranged throughout the barrier islands.



# Strike out on a springtime trip to Boston

**From Fenway to Fort Point.** There's plenty to see and do in one of the most historic cities in the United States



**ON THE MOVE**  
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In the late '90s, I spent three summers in and out of Boston working as a tour guide. This past weekend, I went back to see what's changed in one of America's most historic cities.

After almost 20 years, the Big Dig is over and the snarling traffic is gone. This massive construction project of underground roadways beneath the city included the dismantling of an elevated highway that cut through the downtown. In its place urban parks have sprung up as part of the extensive Rose Kennedy Greenway, which has blazed a two-kilometre swath of green through the city core.

The project has united pedestrians and drawn them to the newly developed waterfront area with food trucks, a carousel and more attractions.

Iconic Fenway Park, home to the city's beloved Red Sox baseball team, used to be on the edge of the tourist trail.

The charming Commonwealth Hotel changed that by coming into the area 10 years ago and attracting tourists into neighbouring Kenmore Square.

The revitalization of the square with hip restaurants and bars like Eastern Standard have made a pre- or post-game meal an experience, and according to my



Iconic Fenway Park. LOREN CHRISTIE



Fort Point. LOREN CHRISTIE

taxi driver Paul, "turned Kenmore into a paah-ty place."

Fort Point is an historic warehouse district that has been transformed into a collection of artists' workshops, businesses and restaurants. My former employer's headquarters on Congress Street, in the heart of the Fort Point area, is still there. However, instead of a lonely Dunkin' Donuts as the only potential lunch spot, today's Congress Street includes a two-block stretch of modern restaurants that were hopping when I strolled by. My meal of white sausage with hazelnut pesto and sorrels, a perfectly seasoned flank steak with chimichurri sauce and a side of golden beets and cauliflower at buzzy Tavern Road was perfect.

Bostonians have always burst with civic pride, but following last year's Boston Marathon bombings, you get the feeling that it goes beyond the love of hometown sports teams and historic buildings.

It seems that every citizen has your back and each other's. After brunch at Towne Stove & Spirits on Boylston Street, blocks from the marathon finish line, I wandered up to Engine 33/Ladder 15 fire hall, which has been in operation since 1888.

Taking a suggestion from a local we met the day before, I bought a Boston Fire Department T-shirt as a souvenir.

The \$20 cost goes to a fund to support the families of two firefighters who recently died in the line of duty.

As our new Bostonian friend pointed out, "Our first responders look after all of us, so we look after them."

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1. Are you a hard-case person or a soft one? There's likely a BuzzFeed.com quiz to help you determine this.

2. Shop in person. Look for the lightest bag you can find, but nothing too flimsy.

3. Always go with the next-to-largest size, or at least one size up from what you think you need.

4. Try to avoid black to avoid carousel conundrums. Ditto too many exterior zip-pulls.

5. Extra pouches, compartments and dividers inside just means less room for your stuff. **DOUG WALLACE/METRO**

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tion rental search engine Tripping.com, if you haven't already. It corrals together all the peer-to-peer rentals from various rental agencies — Home-Away, Booking.com, HouseTrip, Expedia, etc. — letting you compare more than one million vacation homes and short-term rental properties in 36,000 cities — everything from humble houseboats to giant estates. The filtering is fast and easy to navigate.

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### Bucket list



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# Earthy and buttery flavours mingle

**Porcini-Dusted Fish with Brown Butter Sauce.** Use dry mushrooms to create a unique taste



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Dried mushrooms offer up a delicious woody flavour to fish and the brown butter sauce makes the experience over the top in taste. You will find dried

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mushrooms in the produce section of the grocery store for this Porcini-Dusted Fish with Brown Butter Sauce recipe.

These fillets are a generous 6 oz (175 g) portions, a bit larger than the 5 oz (150 g) portions sold in stores. Buying larger fillets and cutting them at home gives you that advantage to enjoy a little more fish. Or you can also serve up six 4 oz

### Ingredients

#### Fish

- 1 pkg (14 g) dried wild mushrooms
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) finely chopped fresh coriander
- 1 1/2 lbs (750 g) fresh fish such as pickerel, cod or trout
- 1/2 tsp (2 ml) kosher salt
- 3 tbsp (45 ml) butter

#### Spinach Skillet Side

- 1 tbsp (15 ml) canola oil
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) minced fresh ginger
- 1 bag (8 oz/227 g) baby spinach leaves
- 1/2 tsp (2 ml) hot pepper sauce (optional)

(125 g) portions with this same recipe.

#### Fish

1. In clean coffee grinder, grind dried mushrooms to a fine powder. Place in small bowl and add coriander; set aside.

2. Using sharp knife, cut fish into 4 equal portions if fillets are large. Coat each piece with mushroom mixture and place in baking dish. (Make-ahead: Cover and refrigerate for up to 4 hours).

3. Sprinkle fish with salt. In a large nonstick skillet, melt 2 tbsp (25 ml) of the butter over medium-high heat until just starting to brown. Add fish, skin side down, if any and cook for 3 minutes. Transfer to parchment paper lined baking sheet and roast in 425 F (220 C) oven for about 10 minutes or until fish is opaque and flakes easily when tested.

#### Spinach Skillet Side

A gingery garlic zing match-



This recipe serves four. EMILY RICHARDS

es nicely with spinach to serve up as a side dish for many meals. The added kick of hot pepper sauce adds an almost mellow balance to the dish.

For an added kick, add more hot pepper sauce before serving this side dish.

To make ahead: Cook up the spinach and then let it cool and refrigerate for up to 1 day. Simply warm it up in a skillet or microwave the next day.

1. In a large non-stick skillet, heat the canola oil over

medium heat and cook garlic and ginger, stirring for about 2 minutes or until softened.

2. Add the baby spinach and hot pepper sauce and cook, stirring for about 5 minutes or until spinach is wilted.



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# A need-to-know for workers-in-waiting

**Aspiration ammo.** Four facts every job seeker should know before heading out on the hunt

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While job hunting is no easy task, knowing the following four facts will help you determine how to best leverage your job seeking methods and up your chances of landing that dream job.

**51 per cent of job seekers who use only one method of job-hunting gave up on their job hunt by the second month**

According to jobhuntersbible.com, 51 per cent of those who use only one method of job-hunting gave up on their job hunt by the second month.

On the other hand, from the job seekers who are using at least two or more methods, only 31 per cent abandon their search by the second month.

Researchers discovered that job search success rises with each additional method that you use, but only up to four methods.

If you start using five or more job search methods, it will start to hurt your chances of landing a job.

Tip: To maximize your chances of successfully getting a job, devote your time to four proven job search outlets such as networking, LinkedIn, your school's job board and social media.

**Most jobs aren't filled by recruiters picking your resumé online**



There's no denying the fact that many hires happen by way of having an 'in' with an organization. Avoid being left out of the loop by getting your name out there as often as you possibly can. ISTOCK

Very few jobs are actually filled by employers or recruiters finding job seekers who posted their resumé on a job board or resumé database.

These databases scan hundreds of resúmes for key words, and it next to impossible to make your resumé stand out in this way.

Tip: Instead of posting your resumé on several job boards, a much more effective tactic is to email your resumé to an actual recruiter who will read it with the human eye.

**80 per cent of all positions are filled without employer advertising**

Employers don't advertise many jobs because it saves time, energy and money

during the whole hiring process. There's little need to advertise a job when an employer can simply hire people that they know, or get reliable references, or hire people who actually reach out to them directly. Tip: Make sure you are always making valuable connections and keeping in touch, whether it's with your professors, past employers or recruiters working at your companies of interest.

Try following up with and contacting recruiters by introducing yourself, outlining your career aspirations and asking for an informational interview.

Reach out to your school's alumni network and start a friendly chat with a fellow grad in your field of interest to learn more about how they transitioned into the workplace.

After all, they were once in the same position as you and will be able to give you sound advice.

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## Tell me on a Sunday please

There's an ideal time to send that email:

- If you are going to be emailing your resumé or reaching out to a recruiter, the best time to email them is on a Sunday or early in the morning.
- As not too many messages come in on Sunday, yours will have a higher chance of getting read.
- According to Alex Moore, CEO of Baydin (an email management service), emails sent between 6 a.m. to 7 a.m. are about three times more likely to be opened than emails sent at 4 p.m. Most employers check their emails in the morning, so make sure yours is right at the top of the pile.

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# What green can mean to your team

**Planting some productivity.** Stopping to smell the flowers may be as important to an office worker as it is to an outdoor wanderer

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It's been a long Canadian winter, but signs of spring are everywhere — with national mood-lifting effects.

To amplify the productivity boost that comes from the seasonal change, put some flowers on your desk.

A recent study from Texas A&M University found that having flowers and greenery around positively affected employees' ability to generate ideas and problem-solve at work.

Head researcher Roger Ulrich and his team found that employees were able to generate 15 per cent more ideas and come up with a greater supply

of flexible solutions to problems when they shared their workspace with flowers.

## Feel-better flowers

Beyond ideation, flowers at work have a significant and positive effect on your health and well-being, say researchers.

Having fresh blooms on your desk can lower your anxiety, combat depression, reduce

tcho Valtchanov in which he placed participants in a virtual reality space filled with simulated trees, flowers, plants, grass and they experienced higher levels of happiness, friendliness, affection, and playfulness.

If that convinces you to swap your desktop wallpaper for images of flowers and leaves, head over to Nature Wallpaper for some stunning free downloads optimized for mobile, desktop screens, or social profiles.

## Digital flora

For your digital downtime while commuting to the office, a few apps will get you in a flowery mood.

To separate daisies from daffodils and roses from rhododendrons, the FlowerPedia app has over 2,800 photos of flowers and regional information about local blooms, plus wallpapers, and the ability to share photos with friends.

To help design your home garden, the Landscaper's Companion app differentiates 26,000 shrubs, annuals, perennials and plants.

To brighten someone's day, the 1-800-Flowers app or The Mobile Florist by FTD will help you say it with flowers.

For the perfect virtual bouquet try the highly rated Flower Garden app by Snappy Touch, to plant, tend, snip, and send digital blooms to family and friends.



Research shows a connection between office plants and creative thinking. iStock

negative thinking, and may even have a positive impact on memory. Some studies show that surrounding yourself with indoor plants can help reduce fatigue, coughs, sore throats and other cold-related illnesses by up to 30 per cent — which translates into increased productivity, fewer sick days, and cost savings for employers.

Scientists at the University of Exeter studying the links between flowers and creativity found that adding office plants to workspaces resulted in a 47 per cent boost to staff well-being and a 45 per cent increase in their ability to be creative.

## Virtual nature

Breaking up your workday for a walk outside delivers an amazing mood uplift and psychological refresh.

Likewise, studies show that exposure to simulated nature scenes can also have a positive impact on your productivity and mood. Slate has reported psychological research by Del-

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Donald Sterling

## Playoff boycott was on the table for players

NBA players strongly considered boycotting playoff games if commissioner Adam Silver hadn't ruled harshly against Los Angeles Clippers owner Donald Sterling.

Players' union vice-president Roger Mason Jr. says he spoke to representatives from every playoff team about the possibility of boycotting games in solidarity against any ruling that didn't include a mandate for Sterling to sell the Clippers.

The Clippers hosted the Golden State Warriors Tuesday night.

Mason says the players are very happy with Silver's decision to ban Sterling for life while urging the NBA's board of governors to compel Sterling to sell the Clippers.

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Mike likes



"I applaud NBA commissioner Adam Silver's

swift and decisive response today. He sent a powerful message that there can be zero tolerance for racism and hatred in the NBA."

NBA legend and Charlotte Bobcats owner Michael Jordan



Flyers forward Wayne Simmonds takes a shot on Rangers goalie Henrik Lundqvist during Game 6 of the Eastern Conference quarter-final series on Tuesday night in Philadelphia. Simmonds had a hat trick in the Flyers' 5-2 win that forces Game 7 on Wednesday night in New York. BRUCE BENNETT/GETTY IMAGES

# Simmonds sublime as Flyers force 7

**NHL.** Philly forward's hat trick sends series back to Madison Square Garden one last time

Wayne Simmonds scored three goals and Steve Mason stopped 34 shots to lead the Philadelphia Flyers to a 5-2 win over the New York Ran-

Game 6	
5	2
Flyers	Rangers

gers on Tuesday night, forcing a decisive Game 7 of their

Eastern Conference playoff series.

There's little time for rest, too. The Flyers and Rangers play again Wednesday night at Madison Square Garden.

Simmonds scored in the first period and twice more in the second for his first career post-season hat trick. Mason survived a busy first period and stopped 31 straight shots before Carl Hagelin scored

late in the third. Mats Zuccarello also scored for New York in the final minute.

By the third, Simmonds had already helped stake the Flyers to a 4-0 lead and the outcome was a mere formality.

Erik Gustafsson also scored and Claude Giroux had an empty-netter for the Flyers, who will try for a second win in New York this series.

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## Canadiens searching for power-play cure



The Canadiens' power play has struggled with opponents focusing on P.K. Subban's big shot from the point. RYAN REMIOWZ/THE CANADIAN PRESS

The Montreal Canadiens are wondering where their power play has gone.

What used to be their best weapon has mostly been firing blanks for the last month or so.

And while they didn't need it much to sweep off Tampa Bay in the first round, it could come in awfully handy when they face the Boston Bruins in an Eastern Conference semifinal later this week.

The Canadiens went 0-for-23 over the final eight regular-season games with the man advantage and scored on only

two of 13 chances against the Lightning, although one was Max Pacioretty's series-clinching goal with 43 seconds left in Game 4 in Montreal.

It has got to where they don't talk about scoring goals so much as building "momentum" off the power play.

"We worked on the power play (Monday) and we'll work on it more," coach Michel Therrien said this week. "We want to create momentum on the power play and we're working with that in mind."

Early in the season, they

were scoring regularly until opponents started focusing on P.K. Subban's big point shot. Since then, the Canadiens have had trouble finding a winning formula.

Subban looks to the 2011 Bruins as proof that a team can win even if the power play is struggling.

"The year they won the cup, I don't think that had many power-play goals," he said. "The power play is one thing, but I think the most important thing is generating momentum on a power play." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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## Wicked Strong boasts Beantown backbone

Exercise rider Kelvin Pahal takes Kentucky Derby hopeful Wicked Strong for a morning workout at Churchill Downs Tuesday in Louisville, Ky. Wicked Strong has a built-in fan base for the Kentucky Derby — the entire city of Boston. The colt named in honour of the victims of last year's Boston Marathon bombings figures to be among the favourites for Saturday's race. He's got the credentials, having impressively won the Wood Memorial at 9-1 odds. Wicked Strong is owned by a Boston-based partnership that has pledged to donate five per cent of any money won by the bay colt during the Triple Crown series to the fund set up for the bombing victims. Scan the above image with the Metro News app to view a gallery of Tuesday's events at Churchill Downs.

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# Wizards work magic to run Bulls out of post-season

## NBA playoffs.

Washington needs just five games to polish off Bulls in first round

John Wall finished with 24 points, Nene scored 20, and the Washington Wizards beat the Chicago Bulls 75-69 on Tuesday night to clinch their first-round series in five games.

Bradley Beal scored 17 points, and the fifth-seeded Wizards advanced in the post-season for just the third time since the 1970s. They will meet Indiana or Atlanta in the Eastern Conference semifinals.

It's a huge step for a franchise that hadn't been to the post-season since 2008, but with Wall and Beal leading the way, they won 44 games during the regular season. The Wizards turned a half-



Marcin Gortat of the Wizards puts up a shot against the Bulls' Mike Dunleavy on Tuesday in Chicago.

JONATHAN DANIEL/GETTY IMAGES

time tie into a nine-point lead heading into the fourth quarter and hung on down the stretch.

Chicago's comeback chances took a big hit early in the final quarter when Taj Gibson

## Grizzlies 100, Thunder 99

Mike Miller scored 21 points and the Memphis Grizzlies held off the Oklahoma City Thunder 100-99 in a record fourth straight overtime game Tuesday night to take a 3-2 lead in the first-round series.

- With 2.9 seconds remaining in OT, the Thunder's Serge Ibaka tipped in a missed shot attempt on the rebound. The play was reviewed and it was determined that Ibaka released the ball after the buzzer, ending the game.

crumbled to the court clutching his left ankle after he tried to block a layup by Wall with the Wizards up by six points. He had to be helped off the court and did not return. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



## 2015 Honda Fit

- **Type.** Four-door, front-wheel drive compact wagon
- **Engines (hp).** 1.5-litre DOHC 14 (130)
- **Transmissions.** Six-speed manual; continuously variable (CVT)
- **Base price (incl. destination).** \$16,000

## Market position

The range of small models continues to hold steady, with redesigned versions now being adorned with more standard and optional content. This tends to attract buyers who prefer all the goodies in a smaller package.

## Points

- Redesigned top to bottom, but retains similar look
- New four-cylinder engine ups power while slightly improving fuel economy
- CVT saves fuel, but isn't as smooth as traditional automatic
- All-new, larger HR-V wagon based on Fit platform due to arrive early next year
- Impressive people, cargo space makes Fit tops in small wagon class



The Fit has been lauded for its fun-to-drive qualities.

## Safety

Front airbags; side-impact airbags; side-curtain airbags; anti-lock brakes; traction control; stability control.

# Honda's latest is a perfect Fit

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## Compare



**1 Ford Fiesta Hatchback**  
Base price: \$16,200  
Sharp styling, three-cylinder turbo option make Fiesta a popular pick.



**2 Nissan Versa Note**  
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Low-priced wagon holds an impressive amount of stuff. Easy on gas.



**3 Chevrolet Sonic Hatchback**  
Base price: \$16,000  
Junior-sized Chevy also comes in sedan version, as do other competitors.

**Review.** This mighty little hatchback keeps drivers thinking they're ensconced in a larger vehicle

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"The penalty box of life."

Jeff Conrad, Honda's senior vice president and general manager, uses that phrase in reference to the Fit's small-car competitors. And when comparing the latest edition of Honda's mighty little hatchback to the rest of the field, he may well have a point.

Since the car's 2007 arrival,

critics have lauded its fun-to-drive qualities and impressive carrying capacity. And with few exceptions, the newest and smallest of Hondas that are now arriving from their plant in Mexico should receive similar accolades.

The Fit sticks to a proven formula: Keep the size and weight in check; keep the body lean and spacious; and keep drivers and passengers thinking they're ensconced in a vehicle that's larger than it actually is.

Despite being physically and dimensionally similar (a tiny bit wider and longer in distance between the front and rear wheels, but slightly shorter, overall), the Fit actually looks bigger, which is partly



The previous Fit set the bar pretty high, so it's no real surprise that the interior feels richer than the entry price.

a function of more prominent bodyside creases and fenders that bulge out around the wheel openings. Also, the wraparound headlight pods integrate with the grille and no longer extend alongside the

hood. Getting the Fit underway is now the job of a new 1.5-litre four-cylinder engine that delivers 130 horsepower and 114 pound-feet of torque, compared to 117 horses and 106 pound-feet of torque for

the previous 1.5.

Directing power to the front wheels is handled by a new six-speed manual transmission, or equally new continuously variable unit (CVT) option. Honda offers an automatic sport mode with paddle shifters, but ultimately it's no substitute for a multi-speed automatic, even if the latter tends to be slightly less fuel-efficient. Fortunately the standard six-cog manual gearbox is there to save the day.

Despite the more powerful engine, the Fit's fuel consumption is an impressive 7.0 l/100 km in the city and 5.7 on the highway, compared to 7.1/5.4 with the previous five-speed automatic transmission. The less fuel-efficient six-speed manual is rated at 8.1/6.4.

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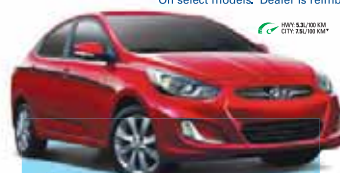
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# New cars thirstier? It's all in the way they're tested

## Fuel efficiency.

New testing procedure  
will result in more  
realistic fuel numbers

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It's not likely that gas prices are ever going to go down by much, which means many Canadians consider good fuel economy to be very important when buying a car. But when you look at the fuel efficiency figures on upcoming 2015 vehicles, they may look thirstier than the 2014 models.

It's not because they actually use more gas. Instead, Natural Resources Canada is introducing a new testing procedure that results in more realistic fuel numbers.

"The government of Canada changed the fuel ratings to better reflect the fuel consumption that (Canadians are) likely to achieve under today's typical driving conditions and driving styles," says Fabian Allard, deputy director at Natural Resources' Energy Efficiency transportation division. "We've been working with the auto industry on these changes for quite some time."

Fuel efficiency testing isn't done on a test track, but in a lab, since it's the only way to

guarantee consistency. Engineers run vehicles on a dynamometer, and determine fuel consumption by measuring the amount of carbon in the exhaust.

Up until now, engineers have used a two-cycle test. The city test starts with a cold engine, takes 31 minutes, and runs at an average 34 km/h, with 23 stops. The highway test starts with a warm engine, takes 12 minutes, and runs at an average 78 km/h. In each test, the lab temperature is set between 20 C and 30 C.

The new five-cycle test also uses these, but then adds a cold-weather city test with the lab a chilly -7 C; a nine-minute air conditioning test, with the vehicle's a/c running and the lab set to 35 C; and a nine-minute test that includes hard acceleration and a top speed of 129 km/h. All of these factors typically use more fuel.

Automakers do the testing and forward results to Natural Resources. The government sometimes audits results if it thinks the numbers aren't right, or if a model hasn't been tested for a long time or

## Facts and tips

- The new 2015 testing methods may produce fuel figures that are 10 to 20 per cent higher than the 2014 numbers.
- Four-wheel drive vehicles are tested in two-wheel drive, and the results are adjusted for extra weight and engine load.
- The 2016 Canadian label will align with the U.S., which has used five-cycle testing since 2008.

has new technologies. Auditors will use real-life vehicles purchased for the testing.

The EnerGuide labels on 2015 models will explain the new system and numbers. On 2016 labels, you'll see information such as CO2 emissions, combined city and highway ratings, and comparisons with other vehicles in the segment. There will also be clearer information for alternative vehicles such as electric cars and plug-in hybrids.

## Quoted

"This will provide Canadians with the most accurate information available. It takes into account bad driving, colder temperatures, and the use of accessories."

Fabian Allard, deputy director at Natural Resources' energy efficiency transportation division



New test methods will make 2015 vehicles look thirstier, but it's just in the numbers. JIL MCINTOSH/METRO

## Horoscopes

### Aries

March 21 - April 20

Some people won't hesitate to part you from your cash if they can see a way to do it. Don't be suspicious of everyone you meet today but remember there are bad guys in the world.

### Taurus

April 21 - May 21

There is no doubt you will achieve much over the next few weeks but you will achieve even more if you can persuade others to take on the boring chores, giving you more time for things that really matter.

### Gemini

May 22 - June 21

You may have to get tough with someone who has let you down. Don't go over the top and create unnecessary resentment but do make sure they realize this is the last warning they'll get.

### Cancer

June 22 - July 23

It's not easy being a role model but if anyone can do it you can. Be on your best behaviour today, set a good example and only do what is inspiring.

### Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

You will come in for criticism of today but if you are smart, you will ignore it completely. At best it is misguided, at worst it is sour grapes. The fact is some people envy you for being such a larger-than-life character.

### Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

Accusations will fly thick and fast today but none of the mud that is thrown will stick to you. It's not that you are whiter-than-white — you just know how to disguise what you do better than most people!

### Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

You must not take unnecessary risks today, especially with money. Keep your cash in your pocket and don't let anyone, no matter how smooth-talking, persuade you there is easy money to be made.

### Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

Cosmic activity in your opposite sign of Taurus means you won't get far on your own over the next few days, so let partners and loved ones and work colleagues know you need and value their support.

### Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

Don't worry too much if you get behind in your work because there will be plenty of time to catch up later on. It would help, of course, if you were not so willing to take on other people's tasks.

### Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

Anything of a creative nature will go well for you but it will go even better if you make an effort to bring other people into your plans. Friends and loved ones want to help.

### Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

Focus on helping others today. Everyone knows you're talented but what they may not know is that you get a huge kick from doing good for others.

### Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

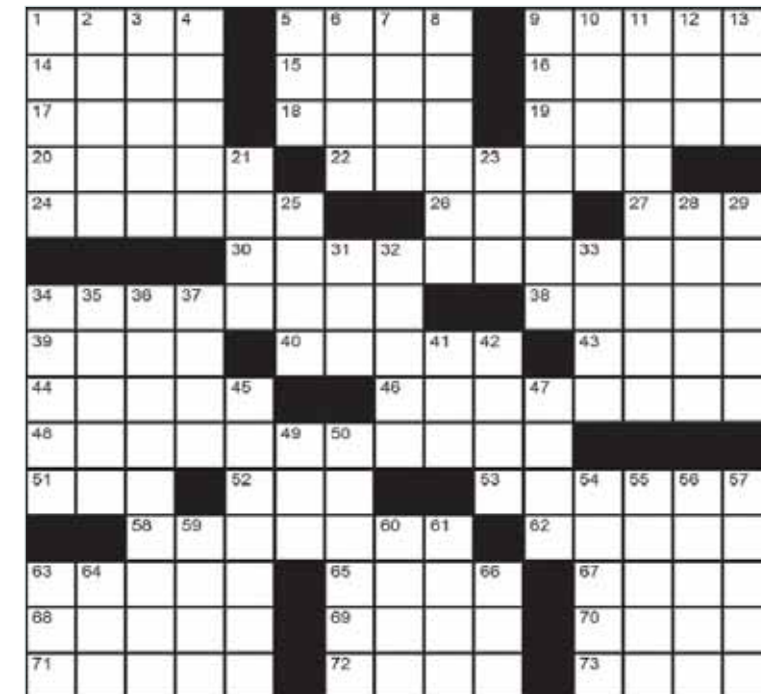
Socially, this will be a great day but some of your friends may be angry that you are spending more time with new acquaintances than you are with them. You can't help if you're popular. **SALLY BROMPTON**

## Crossword: Canada Across and Down

### Across

1. Seasoning sort
5. Breeze
9. Swift
14. Nursemaid
15. Really rain
16. "The Jetsons" son
17. Low-cal
18. Yesteryear
19. BBQ cut
20. Ms. Ekberg
22. Motto of outstanding achievement
24. Mr. Sutherland
26. Midmorning time
27. Couch break
30. "Which Way You Goin' Billy?" by Canadian band The

34. Spinning-in-the-wind toy
38. Iceland band, \_\_\_ Ros
39. Dosage, \_\_\_ day
40. Steam bath
43. "The King's Speech" (2010) actress Jennifer
44. Fighting: 2 wds.
46. HST = Harmonized
48. 1840s: The Great Famine led families to emigrate from Ireland to Canada by way of '\_\_\_', so-called because of the many



- who died from the putrid conditions on board
51. Vertical's opp.
52. Morning grass stuff
53. Shania Twain's "Don't Be \_\_\_ (You Know I Love You)"
58. Shake
62. Steeple

63. Carpentry joint part
65. Cab
67. Spare
68. Disguised, informally
69. Happy as a \_\_\_
70. Barenaked Ladies title lady
71. Wants
72. \_\_\_ seed oil

73. Heavy weight units [var. sp.]
- Down**
1. Lunchtime greenery
2. \_\_\_ acid
3. Fancy tongue
4. 8th Greek letter
5. Operative
6. Fun-style negative
7. Etheric emanation

8. "\_\_\_ Woman" (1990)
9. Eyes parts
10. Dawn love song
11. 1980 horror flick starring actor Leslie Nielsen: 2 wds.
12. 'Restrict' suffix
13. Tie-\_\_\_
21. Rush's "Xanadu" bit: "To seek the sacred river \_\_\_"

23. Athletics authority [abbr.]
25. Performs
28. 1956 rocker: "Be-Bop-\_\_\_"
29. Heat-resistant glassware
31. Fairy princess annoyance
32. Lavish
33. Architect, Ludwig \_\_\_ van der Rohe
34. Illegally hunt
35. \_\_\_ deep (Over one's head)
36. Region of The New World for Samuel de Champlain: 2 wds.
37. WWII RAF support gr.
41. B' \_\_\_ B'rith
42. Snow-capped sights
45. Papineau, for Justin Trudeau ...and Outremont, for Thomas Mulcair
47. Approx. figures
49. Clear
50. Swiss timepiece brand
54. Disturb
55. Middle C site
56. Dick \_\_\_, Jr. (Broadcasting legend)
57. Feats
59. Fine
60. Story
61. Test
63. Can
64. Opposite WSW
66. Gremlin

## Yesterday's Crossword

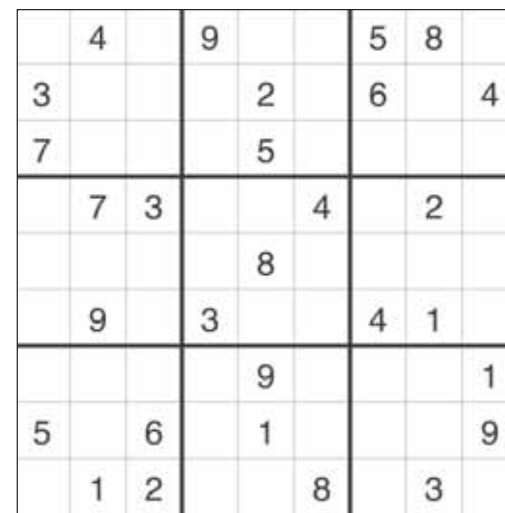


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### How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

## Yesterday's Sudoku



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